

Table 2
HOMICIDE CRIMES, 1996-2005
 By Gender of Victim
 Number, Percent, and Rate per 100,000 Population

Gender of victim ¹	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	Percent change		
											1996-2005	2004-2005	
Total													
Number of victims.....	2,910	2,579	2,170	2,006	2,074	2,201	2,392	2,402	2,394	2,503	-14.0	4.6	
Percent of victims.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Population.....	32,383,000	32,957,000	33,494,000	34,036,000	34,480,000	34,758,000	35,301,000	35,934,000	36,590,814	37,004,661	14.3	1.1	
Percent of population.....	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			
Rate.....	9.0	7.8	6.5	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8	6.7	6.5	6.8	-24.4	4.6	
Male²													
Number of victims.....	2,368	2,097	1,727	1,568	1,666	1,756	1,938	1,972	1,992	2,101	-11.3	5.5	
Percent of total victims.	81.4%	81.3%	79.6%	78.2%	80.3%	79.8%	81.0%	82.1%	83.2%	83.9%			
Population.....	16,979,256	17,135,207	16,810,163	17,099,812	17,398,995	17,694,411	17,984,195	18,270,127	18,161,654	18,403,806	8.4	1.3	
Percent of population...	50.1%	50.0%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	50.2%	49.9%	49.9%			
Rate.....	13.9	12.2	10.3	9.2	9.6	9.9	10.8	10.8	11.0	11.4	-18.0	3.6	
Female													
Number of victims.....	542	482	443	438	408	445	454	430	402	402	-25.8	0.0	
Percent of total victims.	18.6%	18.7%	20.4%	21.8%	19.7%	20.2%	19.0%	17.9%	16.8%	16.1%			
Population.....	16,884,383	17,159,994	16,696,243	16,972,666	17,254,400	17,538,924	17,818,043	18,093,375	18,214,757	18,450,418	9.3	1.3	
Percent of population...	49.9%	50.0%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	49.8%	50.1%	50.1%			
Rate.....	3.2	2.8	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.2	-31.3	0.0	

Notes: Rates are based on annual population estimates provided by the Demographic Research Unit, California Department of Finance.

Rates are calculated using the population for each subgroup shown; therefore, they will not add to the rate calculated for the total population.

Population breakdowns by gender will not add to total because of variations in population source data.

The "percent of population" category for male and female was calculated using the sum of the male and female populations.

¹ Beginning in 2004, population estimates are based on the 2000 Census. Previous population estimates are based on revisions of the 1990 Census. Readers are advised to exercise care in interpreting changes in percent and rate between decennial census samples.

² The "male" category includes homicide victims whose gender could not be determined: 1997 includes five, 2000 includes two, 2001 includes one, and 2002 includes one.